

# U.S. Select Equity Fund

## OBJECTIVES AND PROCESS

- Seeks long-term capital appreciation
- Invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity securities of US companies of any market capitalisation
- Identifies companies believed to be under-priced yet have attractive growth prospects, using analysis to determine a company's private market value (price an investor is willing to pay for the entire company)
- Targets companies with strong ESG performance tied to the durability of their business model or companies with ESG improvement catalysts in place
- Uses a negative screen to exclude securities issued by companies based on their exposure to ESG risks
- May invest:
  - in equity securities of approximately 30 to 40 US companies of any market cap
  - up to one-third of total assets in equity securities through ADRs, CDRs, EDRs, GDRs, IDRs and similar depositary receipts or US\$-denominated equities issued by non-US issuers
  - by using futures/derivatives for hedging or efficient portfolio management purposes

## KEY RISKS

**Market risk:** securities may decline in value due to factors affecting securities markets generally, and equity securities generally have greater price volatility than debt securities.

**Geographic concentration risk:** investments concentrated in specific geographic regions and markets may be subject to greater volatility due to economic downturns and other factors affecting the specific geographic regions.

**Smaller-company securities risk:** securities of companies with smaller market capitalisations tend to be more volatile and less liquid than securities of larger companies. **ESG risk:** applying an ESG screen for security selection may result in lost opportunity in a security or industry resulting in possible underperformance relative to peers. ESG screens are dependent on third-party data and errors in the data may result in the incorrect inclusion or exclusion of a security.

## Calendar-year performance (%)

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Class A (USD) (30 Jan 2015)*	17.28	-17.69	24.61	16.24	19.88	-10.74	12.14	16.95
Class A (EUR) (30 Jan 2015)*	13.69	-12.47	33.92	6.47	22.43	-6.54	-1.63	20.79
Russell 2000® Index	16.93	-20.44	14.82	19.96	25.52	-11.01	14.65	21.31

## Performance (%)

	Annualized							
	1 Month	3 Months	Year to date	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since incep.
Class A (USD) (30 Jan 2015)*	4.88	13.10	3.79	12.45	3.95	8.16	—	6.92
Class A (EUR) (30 Jan 2015)*	4.87	13.95	6.09	10.09	7.90	9.26	—	7.44
Russell 2000® Index	5.65	13.95	1.54	10.05	-0.94	6.89	—	7.91

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance calculations are net of all applicable fees and are calculated on an offer-to-bid basis (with income re-invested). Performance shown is for class and currency indicated and returns may increase/decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. \*Share class inception date.

Returns do not reflect the imposition of the sales charge applicable to Class A shares. While the Fund does not currently impose a sales charge, the bank, sub-distributor or financial institution through whom you purchase shares may apply a sales charge up to 5.00%.

Investors should note that, relative to the expectations of the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, this fund presents disproportionate communication on the consideration of non-financial criteria in its investment policy.

1. Russell 2000® Index. The Fund uses the Russell 2000® Index for performance comparison. The investments of the sub-fund may deviate significantly from the components of and their respective weightings in the benchmark.



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## FUND INFORMATION

**Fund managers:** Jonathan Fox, CFA; Christopher G. Miller, CFA

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**Fund inception date:** 30 January 2015

**Asset class:** US equity

**Financial year-end:** 31 March

**Fund size:** \$6.17m (USD)

**Base currency:** USD

**Benchmark:** Russell 2000® Index<sup>1</sup>

**Minimum investment (or equivalent value):**

Class A: \$1,000 (USD)

**Management approach:** Actively managed

**Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:** Article 8<sup>2</sup>

## KEY STATISTICS

	Fund
Alpha	4.69
Beta	0.88
Sharpe ratio	0.07
Standard deviation	19.56%
R-squared	0.90
Information ratio	0.73
Upside capture	102.34%
Downside capture	90.51%
Tracking error	6.66%
Correlation coefficient	0.95
Treynor ratio	0.02

Based on the net returns calculated over a 36-month period for the share class shown in the performance table.

## DEALER CUTOFF

Luxembourg: 10pm

United States: 4pm ET

## Sector weights (%)

		Compared to benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Industrials	32.36	+14.83
Information technology	17.72	+3.23
Health care	13.61	-2.18
Financials	8.23	-7.69
Consumer discretionary	7.68	-3.33
Materials	5.59	+1.10
Communication Services	5.26	+3.03
Energy	5.05	-1.80
Consumer staples	2.60	-0.88
Cash & equivalents	1.91	+1.91

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: FactSet.

## Portfolio characteristics

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Weighted average market cap	US\$13.80bn	US\$4.09bn
Weighted median market cap	US\$7.06bn	US\$2.97bn
EPS growth (3- to 5-year forecast)	8.76%	12.79%
Forward P/E ratio	18.89x	22.78x
P/B ratio	2.38x	2.11x
P/S ratio	2.15x	1.92x
Number of equity holdings	36	1,947

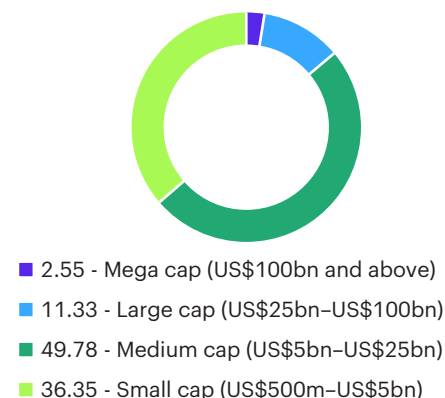
Sources: FactSet and Allspring Global Investments.

## Largest holdings (%)

	Fund
Regal Rexnord Corporation	3.44
Carlisle Companies Incorporated	3.35
TransUnion	3.12
News Corporation Class A	3.10
Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.	3.06
Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc.	3.05
HEICO Corporation Class A	2.97
Paycor HCM, Inc.	2.96
Revolve Group, Inc Class A	2.91
Marvell Technology, Inc.	2.87

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: FactSet. The information shown is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, a recommendation to buy or sell an individual security.

## Holding market capitalisation (%)



Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: FactSet.

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<sup>2</sup>Promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have a sustainable investment objective.



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## Share class information (Share class and currency availability varies by jurisdiction)

	Inception date	Type	ISIN	Bloomberg ID	NAV	Annual Mgmt Fee	Ongoing charges/TER (%)**
Class A (USD)	30 Jan 2015	Accumulating	LU1169589451	WFUSEAU LX	183.57	1.55	1.790
Class A (EUR)	30 Jan 2015	Accumulating	LU1170230954	WFUSEAE LX	191.83	1.55	1.790

\*\*The ongoing charges/total expense ratio (TER) reflects annual total operating expenses for the class, excludes transaction costs and is expressed as a percentage of net asset value. The figure shown is from current KID. The investment manager has committed to reimburse the Sub-Fund when the ongoing charges exceed the agreed upon TER. Ongoing charges may vary over time.

## ESG metrics

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### MSCI ESG SCORE

	Fund		Benchmark	
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage
MSCI Overall Score	6.1	94%	5.3	96%

Data is sourced from MSCI ESG Research where companies are rated on a scale of 0 – 10 (0 - worst, 10 - best). Weighted average scores exclude effects of unrated securities.

### SUSTAINALYTICS ESG RISK SCORE

	Value	Coverage
Fund	23	97%
Benchmark	25	97%

ESG Risk Ratings measure exposure to and management of ESG risks. Lower risk scores reflect less ESG risk. Sustainalytics ESG Risk Scores measure ESG risks on a scale of 0 – 100 (0 - no ESG Risk, >40 - Severe ESG Risk).

### PRODUCT/ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Controversial Weapons	0.00	0.23
Oil Sands	0.00	0.00
Small Arms	0.00	0.27
Thermal Coal	0.00	0.91
Tobacco	0.00	0.15
UNGC violators	0.00	0.00

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### CARBON CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund		Benchmark		% above/ below benchmark
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage	
Carbon to value invested (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM invested)*	54	100%	101	95%	-47%
Weighted average carbon intensity (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM revenues)*	107	100%	170	95%	-37%

\*Carbon emissions includes operational and first-tier supply chain greenhouse gas emissions. Data sourced from S&P Trucost Limited.



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